





Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Date: Tuesday 4th August 2020

URGENT ACTION	F.A.O. Participants in Flu Immunisation Programme 2020/2021 only - Please complete survey – Tuesday 04.08.2020
	<p>CPDT requires an urgent response from contractors who have opted-in to this years Flu immunisation programme.</p> <p>Could these contractors please complete the following survey as soon as possible and respond <u>no later than 12:00 Friday 7th August 2021.</u></p> <p>https://link.webpolsurveys.com/S/6BE3C93632E89473</p> <p>This will take less than 5 minutes of your time.</p> <p>The information captured here will aid in the development of this year's immunisation programme.</p> <p>Sean Haughey - sean.haughey@nhs.net</p>
ACTION	Class 3 Medicines Recall: Accord-UK Ltd, Digoxin Tablets BP 250 micrograms, EL (20)A/35 - Monday 03.08.2020
	<p>Class 3 Medicines Recall: Accord-UK Ltd, Digoxin Tablets BP 250 micrograms, EL (20)A/35</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts/class-3-medicines-recall-accord-uk-ltd-digoxin-tablets-bp-250-micrograms-el-20-a-35</p>
ACTION	Class 4 Medicines Defect Information: Crescent Pharma Ltd, SyreniRing 0.120 mg/0.015 mg per 24 hours, vaginal delivery system, EL (20)A/36 – Monday
	<p>Class 4 Medicines Defect Information: Crescent Pharma Ltd, SyreniRing 0.120 mg/0.015 mg per 24 hours, vaginal delivery system, EL (20)A/36</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts/class-4-medicines-defect-information-crescent-pharma-ltd-syreniring-0-120-mg-0-015-mg-per-24-hours-vaginal-delivery-system-el-20-a-36</p>

INFORMATION	PCA (P) (2020) 14 Implementation of NHS Near Me in Community Pharmacies – Guidance – Friday 31.07.2020
 N:\COMMUNITY CARE\COMMUNITY PI  N:\COMMUNITY CARE\COMMUNITY PI	<p>The attached NHS Circular contains full guidance on the use of the NHS Near Me technology to enable you to consult remotely with your selected cohort of patients to minimise their risk of exposure to COVID-19 infection. A copy of the information distributed previously is also attached to assist you in installing the necessary equipment and contains details of sites that can be accessed for additional help and advice. This is a key development in enabling community pharmacies to continue to provide care and support for those patients restricted in their ability to attend the pharmacy in person and yet value and welcome this type of innovation as a key contributory factor in maintaining their wellbeing. The feature is particularly well suited to provide access to the NHS Pharmacy First service already attracting considerable interest but previously would have been practically unobtainable to this sector under the conditions prevailing at that time. I commend the concept to you and strongly encourage to utilise this facility to the fullest extent that can be accommodated within your pharmacy.</p> <p>David Thomson - david.thomson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p>

INFORMATION	HBP Prescriptions - issue regarding number of items requested on several scripts – Monday 03.08.2020
	<p>The Department has been made aware of a number of instances when the number of items handwritten on a HBP prescription has been challenged by the pharmacist and, on a few occasions, when the script has not been accepted for dispensing. Hospital Blue Pad (HBP) scripts are issued by hospital colleagues and, since the introduction of the likes of the Hep C and Oncology treatment options, are increasingly being used in practice reversing the trend of previous years. Within NHS GGC, in the absence of an electronic option, these scripts have to be either handwritten or a bespoke stamp used specific to that service. The general ruling that applies to electronic scripts issued in primary care limits the number of items on a script to 3. Although this has always been considered best practice when hand writing scripts, there had been considerable variance in the application of that guidance. Similarly in secondary care, perhaps influenced by a previous culture of limiting the use of HBPs, some scripts will be issued bearing more than 3 items. I would be grateful if you could contact this office should this present a problem so that we can collate examples and take up the issue on your behalf. It should not be expected that this would prevent the script being dispensed unless the content was indecipherable due to the quality of handwriting.</p>

UPDATE	Supply of Iron Preparations previously on MAS – Friday 31.07.2020
	<p>The Community Pharmacy network were extremely supportive in supplying Iron preparations to pregnant women under MAS during the pandemic to prevent the need for the patient to attend hospital.</p> <p>As the MAS formulary has now been replaced with the New Pharmacy First Product List, many of you have noticed that Iron preparations are no longer listed and therefore if prescribed would not be paid. I made Obstetrics departments aware of this back in June and again on the 20th of July so no new patients should be presenting to you for a supply.</p> <p>There will, however be patients who have been issued a letter from their clinics which asks for supply to be made where the patient has already had a previous supply. If you are presented with one of these letters we would ask that you honour the supply and</p>

	<p>intimate to the patient that they should return to the clinic for further supplies (a suggestion would be to supply 3-6 months depending on the patients needs). These prescriptions will be paid as long as the claim is received by PSD before the 1st of October which allows for situations like this to be washed through the system and paid accordingly.</p> <p>I hope this helps clarify the situation.</p> <p>Alan Harrison – Alan.harrison@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p>
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REMINDER	MODEL HOURS OF SERVICE
	<p>As per messages in Communications Updates on 9th and 14th July, all community pharmacies should revert to original Model Hours of Service by Monday 3rd August 2020.</p> <p>In the unlikely event that a pharmacy needs to operate below this, you must complete the pro-forma and submit to the Community Pharmacy Development Team before making the change to your opening hours.</p> <p>Link to form: https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-greater-glasgow-clyde/general-forms/</p>

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- Community Pharmacy NHS Seasonal Flu Campaign 2020/2021 – Thursday 23.07.20
- “NHS GGC Pharmacy services want to create its own branding / logo and we would love your help! – Friday 24.07.2020
- Disulfiram service – Tuesday 28.07.2020
- NHSGGC Specials Authorisation Process – Update – Thursday 21.07.20
- Circular: PCA(P) (2020) 13 NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Directions and Service Specification - please see updated Approved List of Products – Friday 24.07.2020
- Pay As You Go Mobile Phones

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Date: Thursday 6th August 2020

ACTION	CLASS 2 DRUG ALERT NO 37 2020 - MEDICINES RECALL ACTION WITHIN 48 HOURS - PHARMARAM LIMITED CLEXANE 4, 000 IU (40MG)/0.4ML SYRINGE – Wednesday 05.08.20
	<p>https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts/class-2-medicines-recall-pharmaram-ltd-clexane-4-000-iu-40mg-0-4ml-syringes-el-20-a-37</p> <p>Annette Robb - annette.robbs@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p>

INFORMATION	STOMA SERVICE SPECIFICATION – Wednesday 05.08.20
	<p>The current stoma service specification should have ceased at the end of June 2020. Given the current restrictions work on the new Specification has been halted.</p> <p>As such, the terms of the service specification have been extended for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>If you are a participant in the Stoma service, your name will continue to be included in the List of Participants operated by National Services Scotland. There is no action on your part.</p> <p>We will keep contractors posted on progress in this area as and when it happens.</p> <p>Janine Glen – janine.glen@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p>

INFORMATION	Circular PCA(P) (2020) 15 - Pharmaceutical Services: Amendments to the drug tariff in respect remuneration arrangements and part 7 discount clawback arrangements from 1 April 2020 – Wednesday 05.08.20
	<p>https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2020(P)15.pdf</p> <p>PharmacyTeam@gov.scot</p>

REMINDER	URGENT RESPONSE REQUIRED - ACT NOW - REGISTRATION FOR FLU SERVICE CLOSES NOON 7 AUGUST – Wednesday 05.08.20
 <p>Declaration of Interest Form - Final Attached</p>	<p><u>For action by those pharmacies who have not previously replied and wish to provide the service</u></p> <p>I apologise in advance for the extremely short notice given to respond to this request but it is indicative of the external pressures that we have to accommodate in order to obtain stock and be able to participate in providing this service. Planning for this year's Community Pharmacy flu immunisation programmes commenced in earnest with circulation of a request for details of those pharmacies wishing to participate in the 2020/21 campaigns. The 65% return rate received by the 31 July due date demonstrates the keen willingness within the network to be involved in providing this service. There is an increased sense of urgency associated with this year's</p>

	<p>programme with the Board required to submit details of those community pharmacies participating in this year's campaigns to Movianto by this Friday 7 August. This will allow the company, as a major distributor of flu vaccines, to prepare their delivery schedules to ensure that stock is available prior to the commencement of this year's campaign. In order to comply with this requirement I seek your support in indicating whether your pharmacy will wish to participate in this year's flu immunisation campaign or not by returning a completed copy of the attached proforma by 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 7 AUGUST. Any request to participate received after this deadline cannot be accommodated</p> <p>David Thomson – david.thomson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p>
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ACTION	CLASS 2 DRUG ALERT NO 38 2020 - MEDICINES RECALL ACTION WITHIN 48 HOURS - CALDERDALE AND HUDDERSFIELD NHS FOUNDATION TRUST (TRADING AS HUDDERSFIELD PHARMACY SPECIALS) MS 19055 PHOSPHATES SOLUTION FOR INFUSION 500ML UNLICENSED MEDICINES – Tuesday 11.08.20
	https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts/class-2-medicines-recall-huddersfield-pharmacy-specials-ms-19055-phosphates-solution-for-infusion-500ml-el-20-a-38

INFORMATION	Flu Vaccination Programme – 2020/2021 – Participation List Closed – Monday 10.07.20
	<p>We have now provided Movianto with details of those community pharmacies who have indicated they will participate in this year's service. This is to ensure that delivery schedules can be developed in plenty time so that participants receive their allocation of vaccines.</p> <p>As such I should advise that the opportunity to participate in this year's programme is now closed and no further participation forms will be accepted.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take part in this year's programme.</p>

INFORMATION	Ketotifen Licensed Preparations – Tuesday 11.08.20
	<p>Ketotifen (Zaditen) has been relaunched as a licensed preparation, there is both licensed tablets and liquid. I have been informed they are distributed via Phoenix and Alloga. Alloga can do a direct to Pharmacy order should local wholesaler, Phoenix have no stock available.</p> <p>I appreciate there is currently an MSAN in situ for the liquid preparation but there is still stock remaining within Alloga should any pharmacies require this.</p> <p>PRESCRIBING@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p>

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ACTION	NHS 24 – ECS Access Line – Thursday 13.08.20
	<p>Contractors should be aware that NHS24 are planning to cease operation of the temporary NHS 24 ECS access line that has been running since the COVID-19 outbreak began.</p> <p>The plan is to cease operation from 21st August due to a significant reduction in call demand on the line, and the fact that the vast majority of pharmacists now have direct access from the pharmacy. With the minimal demand for access through NHS 24, it is very difficult to justify the staff resource needed to maintain operating the line.</p> <p>Pharmacists without access could still in theory phone NHS24 on 111 for ECS access (although not the preferred route), direct access from the pharmacy is a safer and more efficient way of accessing the information. Notification of this change will come through the CPS bulletin.</p> <p>If any pharmacist still hasn't organised access to Clinical Portal, please use the link below to access the relevant submission form.</p> <p>https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-greater-glasgow-clyde/clinical-portal-emergency-care-summary-ecs/</p>

URGENT REMINDER	Flu Vaccination Service Webropol – Wednesday 12.08.20
	<p>Thank you to all those who have already responded to our recent survey around the 2020/21 NHSGGC Vaccination service.</p> <p>Could all those who have opted-in to the service complete the below survey as soon as possible?</p> <p>This information is needed urgently, could you please have this completed by <u>18:00 on 14/08/2020</u> at the latest.</p> <p>https://link.webpolsurveys.com/S/6BE3C93632E89473</p> <p>CPDT appreciate your help with this!</p>

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ACTION	Cross pharmacy sector engagement update gotowebinar – Monday 17.08.2020
	<p>A cross pharmacy sector engagement update was held via the GGC gotowebinar account last week to update the locality on the current cross sector work happening in the NE Glasgow HSCP.</p> <p>This gotowebinar provides the pharmacy family a chance to obtain an understanding on the current cross sector work that has already taken place in the NE Glasgow and to hear about the next stages of the cross sector working that will hopefully spread into other localities.</p> <p>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/4363133027785879052</p> <p>Derek Jamieson will answer any question via email - derek.jamieson@nhs.net</p>

ACTION	PCA(P) (2020) 16 - Community Pharmacy - National Career Pathway & Introduction of a Common Clinical Conditions Independent Prescribing Service (NHS Pharmacy First Plus) – Tuesday 18.08.2020
	<p>The attached circular contains details of major changes to the Community Pharmacy based independent prescribing programme that will have a significant impact on how this skill is applied in practice</p> <p>The concept of independent prescribing (IP) by non-medical practitioners was established over 20 years ago and provided welcomed opportunities for personal and service development across the pharmacy profession. From its fledgling start, the concept of IP by community pharmacists has strived to become main stream despite the best efforts and commitment of many dedicated pharmacists. Whilst attaining the IP qualification is linked to career progression in secondary care and embedded in the pharmacotherapy service in primary care, it's fair to say that in community pharmacy, apart from a few notable exceptions, that a number of inherent difficulties with the current format prevented the concept becoming established as a viable model of service - Until now! . The attraction of utilising a largely untapped pool of expertise in this respect coupled with the need to fulfil the professional aspirations of community pharmacists vindicates that a change in direction is required if the ambitions of the various pharmaceutical care and NHS strategies are to be realised and the promises they hold for patients delivered.</p> <p>The launch of the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Service, providing treatment options for those presenting with a minor ailment, centres on the unique and prominent role that community pharmacy already has in this specialist area. The launch of NHS Scotland Pharmacy First Plus from September 2020 onwards provides a mechanism to utilise the IP qualification and prescribe for Common Clinical Conditions (CCC) in this setting acknowledges that expertise, resolves the various issues impeding progress and builds on an established strength to considerably enhance the patient experience.</p> <p>Those pioneering efforts have not been in vain and have featured prominently in determining a way forward that could harness and build on that enthusiasm and expertise. Focusing on prescribing for Common Clinical Conditions heralds a major</p>



	<p>opportunity for this service& capitalises on the virtually unassailable position that community pharmacy already has in this area. The facility provides community pharmacists with an important weapon in their armoury and redefines the role they play in the provision of suitable treatments for a range of conditions that will increase in number and complexity as the service matures and develops further. Importantly the Circular also seeks to define a national career pathway for community pharmacists and confirms a commitment to support this key element on an ongoing basis</p> <p>Currently the content gives an overview of how the service will be taken forward and will be particularly relevant to those with an IP qualification. Whilst more specific details are awaited on some practical aspects, it is envisaged that those IP's who have successfully completed the NES course on CCC's will be involved from the outset with others participating on completion of their CCC training.</p> <p>I commend the development to you and recognise this as one of the most radical and progressive initiatives I have ever seen in over 30 years of practice. It brings the promise to positively change how the profession is viewed by patients and other health and social care providers. Little did anyone ever foresee the day that those humble and initially struggling clinics in Drumchapel, Parkhead, Easterhouse to name but a few would propel community pharmacy in Scotland to the forefront of practice on a global scale.</p> <p>In the meantime I would be grateful if you could get back to with any queries or points for clarification you may have</p> <p>https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2020(P)16.pdf</p>
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INFORMATION	Community Optometry and NHS Pharmacy First Service – Tuesday 18.07.20
 Optometry Supply scheme Pharmacy Firs	<p>The information current sited on the Community Pharmacy website has been updated to reflect changes brought in under the NHS Pharmacy First Service.</p> <p>The updated forms can be accessed here:</p> <p>https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-greater-glasgow-clyde/general-forms/</p>
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INFORMATION	Vaccine Availability Summary for August 2020 – Monday 17.08.2020
 Stock availability August 2020 Version	<p>Please find attached Vaccine Availability Summary for August 2020 for your information and circulation as appropriate.</p> <p>Karen Carberry - karen.carberry@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p>

INFORMATION	Waste from Care Homes – Tuesday 18.07.20
	<p>Over the last couple of months Rentokil were good enough to offer community pharmacies support in managing waste from Care Homes.</p> <p>This involved Rentokil uplifting yellow waste bins directly from the care home instead of the community pharmacy having to organise transfer for uplift from the pharmacy.</p> <p>We are really grateful to Rentokil for providing this service, however as we move out of strict lockdown arrangements this service will not continue.</p>

	<p>I write to advise that from Friday 21st August 2020 Rentokil will no longer offer this service, and no further direct uplifts will be organised.</p> <p>Queries should be directed to: bridie.mccallum@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p>
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INFORMATION	<p>Information about the UK publication of an interim clinical commissioning policy: remdesivir for patients hospitalised with COVID-19 (adults and children aged 12 years and older) for action as highlighted in the covering letter – Tuesday 18.08.2020</p>
 letter on continued enrolment to clinical t  CEM_CMO_2020_032.pdf	<p>Please find attached information about the UK publication of an interim clinical commissioning policy: remdesivir for patients hospitalised with COVID-19 (adults and children aged 12 years and older) for your attention.</p> <p>https://www.cas.mhra.gov.uk/ViewandAcknowledgment/ViewAlert.aspx?AlertID=103085</p>

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INFORMATION	Public Health Scotland Guidance Update: COVID-19 Guidance for Primary Care – Wednesday 19.08.20
	<p>Public Health Scotland has just published the updated COVID-19: guidance for primary care version 12.2.</p> <p>Changes made: Section 2: update to general measures Section 3.1: extended self-isolation to 10 days Section 3.3: update to testing to include individuals under 5 Section 5: addition of IPC section Section 8: update to advice for healthcare staff Section 11: update to community and domiciliary optometry Section 12: update to community pharmacy</p> <p>Please share the link to the website landing page in this email among your networks, rather than a link to the pdf document, to ensure you always access the latest version of the guidance.</p> <p>PHS COVID-19 Guidance Team</p>

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ACTION	CLASS 2 DRUG ALERT NO 40 2020 – MEDICINES RECALL– ACTION WITHIN 48 HOURS – SANOFI – FASTURTEC® 7.5MG. 1.5MG/ML POWDER AND SOLVENT FOR CONCENTRATE FOR SOLUTION FOR INFUSION – Monday 24.08.20
	https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts/class-2-medicines-recall-sanofi-fasturtec-7-5-mg-1-5-mg-ml-powder-and-solvent-for-concentrate-for-solution-for-infusion-el-20-a-40

ACTION	Five Independent Prescribing courses for Pharmacists for the year 2021/22 – Tuesday 25.08.2020
 <p>Letter A - July 2020 Applicant Information</p>  <p>IP Course Application Dates and Deadlines</p>	<p>We are delighted to offer five Independent Prescribing courses for Pharmacists for the year 2021/22. Three courses will run at the University of Strathclyde and two at Robert Gordon University, providing a total of 205 places. All successful candidates will also complete clinical assessment and consultation skills training.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could forward the letter (Letter A - Applicant Information for IP courses), which provides course details, deadlines and links to the NES application process, to all pharmacists working in your Board through your normal distribution channels. Please note, this part of the process confirms applicants are approved for NES IP course funding and does not automatically confer a place on the IP course. The list of Board approved, NES funded applicants are then sent to the respective University, where the pharmacist will be asked to complete a full University application in line with GPhC requirements. Successful applicants will then be informed they have a NES funded IP place.</p> <p>Also attached is a summary of the course dates and deadlines, and a revised application procedure for your information.</p> <p>If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.</p> <p>Rachel Bruce</p>

INFORMATION	Supply disruptions continue with Enalapril – Friday 21.08.2020
	<p>Supply disruptions continue with enalapril. At this time, although limited, there is still enalapril stock in the system and it is advisable to make enquiries at several pharmacies/wholesalers to try to source stock. Where a patient is unable to obtain their normal enalapril prescription, prescribers may need to consider switching patients to an alternative Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI).</p> <p>For further advice see the GGC memo and MSAN on the Staffnet Current Medicine Supply Problems and Shortages page or refer to the shortages spreadsheet here on Teamsite.</p> <p>mairi-anne.mclean@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</p>

INFORMATION	Proposed discontinuation of Priadel Tablets - Tuesday 25.08.2020
	<p>Essential Pharma issued a communication in July 2020 indicating that they are planning to discontinue Priadel 200mg and 400mg Tablets by April 2021. National Procurement are aware of this proposal and national guidance is awaited.</p> <p>In response to this proposal, a GGC multi-disciplinary cross sector short life working group (including representatives from mental health services and Primary Care) has been formed to take forward the GGC response.</p> <p>Patients and carers are likely to be concerned and anxious about having to switch brands of lithium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinicians are asked to provide reassurance that alternative lithium preparations remain available. • The short life working group will communicate fully and clearly with all relevant parties as more information becomes available nationally. • A switch model and guidance will be finalised well in advance of the discontinuation of Priadel, allowing patients to be switched appropriately and safely to an alternative brand. <p>In the meantime, treatment for existing patients with Priadel tablets should continue as normal however no new patients should be prescribed Priadel tablets. Priadel Short Life Working Group</p> <p>August 2020</p> <p>Andrew Walker – Lead Clinical Pharmacist Adult Mental Health</p>

INFORMATION	West Glasgow ACH Testing Centre to re-open Wednesday 26 August – Tuesday 25.08.2020
	<p>With numbers attending the national testing centres at Glasgow Airport and Port Glasgow increasing, it has been agreed that the West Glasgow testing centre will re-open on Wednesday for testing of symptomatic household contacts of NHSGGC health and social care staff (including care home staff, GPs, dentists and community pharmacists).</p> <p>Referral will be by appointment and anyone wishing for a symptomatic household contact to be tested should arrange an appointment using the following e-referral form</p>

INFORMATION	PCA 2020(P)17
	https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2020(P)17.pdf

UPDATE	Uplift of Patient's Returned Medication – Tradebe – Monday 24.08.20
	<p>It's been some time since we last updated you on the transfer of waste services to a new provider.</p> <p>We have been advised that the new contractor (Tradebe) will take over the community pharmacy element of the national contract from Monday 14th September 2020. We are still awaiting details on how the service will transition. We will share these details as soon as we have them.</p> <p>Rentokil will continue to provide contingency services up to this date.</p>

	If you have any queries regarding any aspect of this change, please contact: Bridie.mccallum@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
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- NHS 24 – ECS Access Line – Thursday 13.08.2020
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Community Pharmacy Communication Update

Date: Thursday 27th August 2020

ACTION	Updated Early Warning Systems – Thursday 27.08.20
 <p>EWS - All HSCPs - August 2020.pdf Attached</p>	<p>Please find attached an updated document which contains the Early Warning Systems for each of the Board's HSCP's.</p> <p>Please identify your pharmacy within the attached document and print off the relevant cascade.</p> <p>I would like to reiterate the importance of all pharmacy staff, including locums, knowing and understanding the cascade process and what they will need to do in response to a message. It might therefore be helpful to site this document close to your main telephone.</p> <p>As a reminder, this cascade system can be started by either a Board officer or any community pharmacist. Any one initiating the system should telephone the master station clearly relaying the message that is required for circulation. The master station will start the chain of calls by telephoning the next pharmacy on the list, who will in turn, telephone the next pharmacy and so forth until the last pharmacy calls the Master Station. When the Master Station receives a call from the last pharmacy in the cascade, it should contact the person who initiated the cascade thus completing the cycle. <u>It is essential that pharmacies follow this cascade in the specified order</u> to ensure that all pharmacies receive the message and that the communication is successfully exchanged throughout each HSCP System. Closed pharmacies should be by-passed however; it would be helpful to telephone them with the message once they reopen. In these instances, please advise that you have already passed on the message to the pharmacy they were expected to contact, which will stop unnecessary calls.</p> <p>A copy of this cascade can be found on the Community Pharmacy Website: - https://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/nhs-boards/nhs-greater-glasgow-clyde/</p> <p>If there is anything in this cascade process which is unclear or you would like to discuss further, please telephone Trish Cawley (0141-201-6047).</p>

INFORMATION	F.A.O Participants in this year's Flu Vaccination Programme - Flu Vaccination Deliveries – Thursday 27.08.20
	<p>It has come to our attention that you may have received an email from Movianto regarding deliveries of flu vaccinations for this year's flu vaccination program.</p> <p>This email was sent in error was intended only for GP practices.</p> <p>Details of delivery to community pharmacies are yet to be confirmed will be conveyed to the network as soon as we have that information. Please do not respond to Movianto's e-mail.</p> <p>Sorry for any inconvenience.</p>

INFORMATION	Specials Authorisation Process – Restart – Thursday 27.08.20
 <p>Specials Authorisation GGC Fir</p>  <p>Guide Prices for Commonly Requested Attached</p>	<p>The Specials authorisation process is restarting from 31st of August 2020. Due to ongoing office restrictions, the authorisation telephone line remains unmanned and requests for authorisation should be via email using the attached pro forma. Failure to seek authorisation as described will result in recovery of excess costs.</p> <p>Where authorisation is required please complete all sections of the attached form and email to: prescribing@ggc.scot.nhs.uk. All communications must come from the Pharmacy Clinical mailbox (NHS Net), not a personal email due to GDPR.</p> <p>Authorisation is not required when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The product is a UK licensed medicine, • products are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listed in Scottish Drug tariff part 7s, part 7u, listed on the pre-approved price list (updated price list to follow), available from the NHS manufacturing unit, Pharmaceutical Specials Service (PSS) – formerly Tayside Pharmaceuticals, not a medicine e.g. stocking, dressing, • authorisation has been obtained within last 12 months with less than 10% price variation from original authorisation

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